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Stones River National Battlefield
3501 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129



Scout Hiking Trail – Occupation and Commemoration

The Battle of Stones River was one of the most important battles of the Civil War. The Union victory here bolstered Northern morale at a time it was needed most and helped support the Emancipation Proclamation that began the process of changing the war into something more than a fight simply to preserve the Union. With the construction of Fortress Rosecrans, the battle also set the stage for the next campaigns that saw Federal forces drive deeper into the South destroying the Confederacy's ability to continue fighting.

Today you will hike portions of the battlefield and learn about the impact of military occupation on the people of Murfreesboro and visit some of the places that commemorate the Civil War. Before you begin here are a few suggestions and requests to make your day more enjoyable while ensuring that other visitors have a chance to enjoy the park.

- Park your group's vehicles in the grass near the picnic area.
- Bring plenty of water and energy snacks on your hike.
- Use the restrooms before you begin.
- Make sure your leader has a park guide and trail map.
- Watch your footing on unimproved trails.
- Do not climb on cannons, monuments, walls, fences, or trees.
- Use caution when crossing roads and always cross at a crosswalk.

Trail to Cemetery

1. Why didn't General Rosecrans want his men to build fires at night?
2. On what day did Captain Cannon's party pass through Murfreesboro?

Stones River National Cemetery

3. What is the brick structure on the east side of the cemetery? What was it used for?
4. What unit moved the remains of Union soldiers into the cemetery?
5. How many of the 6,100 Civil War soldiers are unknown?
6. To whom is the monument with the eagle on top dedicated?



Hazen Brigade Monument

7. Which regiment led by Lt. E. K. Crebbin built the Hazen Brigade Monument?
8. What regiments were part of Hazen's Brigade?
9. How many soldiers are buried around the monument?

Redoubt Brannan

10. List three things that the railroad brought to the soldiers at Fortress Rosecrans.
11. What materials did the soldiers use to build the cross-shaped bomb proof inside Redoubt Brannan?

Fortress Rosecrans

12. How much food could the warehouses at Fortress Rosecrans hold?
13. What firing principle made the fortress so deadly to an attacking force?
14. How many United States Colored Troops regiments were formed in middle Tennessee?
15. What prominent target could the cannons of Lunette Thomas hit?

Congratulations! You've completed the Occupation and Commemoration Hike!

